

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING**

June 21, 2013

Indiana Government Center South Building, Conference Room 4
302 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Jon Ford, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Kathy Anderson, Gil Cárdenas, Jon Ford, Pam Hicks, Jeff Kirk, Linda Levell, Al Rent, Micah Smith, Nancy Stewart, Trevor Yager

Members via teleconference: Karen Ellerbrook, Susan Hardwick, Suzie Rentschler

Members absent: Judy Hess, Sherry Stark

IAC staff present: Michelle Anderson, Susan Britsch, Kristina Davis, Bobbie Garver, Dennis Hardin, Emily Hellmuth, Lewis Ricci, Rex Van Zant

Invited Guests: Donna Catalano, Paige Sharp (Regional Arts Partner consortium), Andrew Kossack (Office of the Governor), Jon Sperl (State Budget Agency), Rusty Briel (Indiana Coalition for the Arts), William Galloway (Indiana limestone artist), Cynthia Young (Munce Art Center, Zionsville), Sara Peterson (Cultural District consultant, via teleconference)

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Indiana Arts Commission chair Jon Ford convened the meeting at 9:20 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Consent Agenda.** IAC Commissioner Nancy Stewart moved to adopt the consent agenda, consisting of the agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the March 22, 2013 meeting of the full Commission. IAC Commissioner Linda Levell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. **Chair and Executive Reports**

A. Chair's Report

1. Governor's Office Issues

a. Mr. Ford welcomed Andrew Kossack from the Office of the Governor, and Jon Sperl from the State Budget Agency.

b. Mr. Kossack will be involved in the appointment of a new Commissioner to replace Judy Hess who has completed two full terms. He will also seek re-appointments for Commissioners Jon Ford and Linda Levell, whose first terms expire in June 2013. Mr. Kossack is also

involved with determining the availability of the Governor to attend the Governor's Arts Awards later this year.

c. Mr. Ford reported that The First Lady of Indiana, Karen Pence, met recently with IAC Commissioner Sherry Stark and Executive Director Lewis Ricci, and expressed her keen interest in the programs of the Arts Commission; her background is in the arts and arts education. She has been named as honorary chair of the upcoming Governor's Arts Awards, and will create the cover art for invitations to the event. Mrs. Pence is also chair in the upcoming Indiana Bicentennial celebration, and is working with the Arts Commission to determine its participation in the event.

2. Legislative Relations Issues

a. IAC Advocacy Group Activity. Mr. Ford reported about the IAC Advocacy Advisory Council, an ad-hoc group of present Commissioners, former Commissioners, and arts advocates. Four former IAC Chairs participated. The group was helpful during the recent legislative session, contacting individual representatives and senators to present the case for increased public funding for the arts.

b. Indiana Coalition for the Arts. INCA vice-president Rusty Briel read a prepared statement (attached) expressing the Coalition's thoughts about the recent increase in public funding for the arts.

3. Philanthropy and Giving to the IAC. Mr. Ricci remarked that the Joyce Foundation, located in Chicago, recently provided partial funding for the IAC colloquium "Embracing Community Change through the Arts" which was held last April on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Ricci remarked that such capacity-building programs are drawing the attention of regional foundations that may contribute to future funding. He explained that most funding for the upcoming Indiana Bicentennial celebration will come from private resources. In both of these instances, private funding has been and is being provided for programs with IAC involvement. Additionally, some former IAC Commissioners have expressed interest in donating to IAC programs. Mr. Ford and Mr. Ricci will form a study group to discuss proper means for private donations to IAC programs. The study group will likely include a number of former Commissioners.

4. Governor's Arts Awards Update. IAC Marketing and Communications Director Rex Van Zant reported on progress for the 2013 Governor's Arts Awards, to be held at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. William Galloway, a native limestone carver, has been named as the artist who will create the awards to be presented at the ceremony. The Carmel planning committee is making good progress towards the event, and the award recipients are being contacted to determine their availability to attend. Two dates are being considered for the event, which will be determined by the availability of the recipients as well as that of the Governor.

5. Election of IAC officers for FY 2014. Mr. Ford presented the slate of officers recommended by the Executive Committee: Trevor Yager (Chair), Pam Hicks (Vice-Chair) and Susan Hardwick (Secretary). Mr. Ford asked for other nominations from the floor. There being no other nominations, IAC Commissioner Al Rent moved to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee and elect the slate of officers as presented. IAC Commissioner Nancy Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mr. Ford turned the meeting over to newly-elected IAC Chair Trevor Yager.

6. Financials.

a. IAC Deputy Director Michelle Anderson presented a handout (attached) showing the FY 2013 IAC budget, current through May 31, 2013.

b. Mr. Van Zant presented the Cultural Trust report (attached)

c. Ms. Anderson presented the projected FY 2013 IAC year-end budget (attached). The fiscal year will end on June 30, 2013.

d. Mr. Ricci presented handouts (attached) showing the proposed FY 2014 IAC budget and allocation plan. The proposed FY 2014 budget has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Committee on the Future and the Executive Committee. Mr. Rent moved to approved the proposed FY 2014 IAC budget as presented. IAC Commissioner Micah Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. Indiana Artisan Issues. Mr. Ricci reported that the Indiana Artisan Program, which began as a joint venture among the Arts Commission, the Indiana Office of Tourism, and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, and then became an independent not-for-profit organization, recently lost its not-for-profit status and will likely dissolve. Mr. Ricci had thought that IAC might be able to assist in keeping the program viable, by stewarding the Artisan designation for a period of time while a reorganization could be attempted. However, through recent conversations with the other state agencies involved, it has been decided that no state agencies will assume any of the various aspects of the program. Mr. Ricci asked for a motion to allow the Arts Commission to formally withdraw from the Indiana Artisan program. IAC Commissioner Kathy Anderson moved that the Indiana Arts Commission withdraw its participation in the Indiana Artisan Program. Ms. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Yager declared a 15-minute break. After the break, Mr. Ricci introduced William Galloway, limestone carver from Bedford, who has been commissioned to create the individual awards which will be presented to winners of the 2013 Governor's Arts Awards. Mr. Galloway spoke briefly about his craft and the pieces he will create for the event.

4. Executive Director's Report

A. Technical Assistance/Capacity Building. Mr. Ricci reported on recent discussions with Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI) and the School for Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) involving the creation of an accredited academic program for arts administrators. Mr. Ricci reported on recent developments in IAC's Capacity Building efforts. Two colloquia were presented this spring, "Embracing Community Change Through the Arts" was held at the University of Notre Dame, and "Building Vibrant Communities Colloquium II" was held at Hanover College. Both workshops were filled to capacity and were very well received. IAC Communications Manager Emily Hellmuth gave an oral report on preliminary analytic research from the two workshops. Mr. Ricci referred to the first "Building Vibrant Communities" which was held two years ago, followed by consultancies for communities which had participated. One of those communities, Zionsville, is preparing now to apply for designation as a Statewide Cultural District. Sara Peterson, of Sara Peterson Consulting, met with leaders of the Zionsville community and helped them forge their cultural district plans. One of the community leaders was Cynthia Young, Executive Director of the Munce Art Center in Zionsville. She presented an oral report about the process, the consultancy, and the colloquium. Ms. Peterson added her remarks via teleconference. Mr. Ricci also reported on early plans to provide a workshop focused on entrepreneurial skills for individual artists, especially targeting recipients of Individual Artists grants and designated Indiana Artisans. Mr. Ricci also reported that some form of state-wide Mayor's Advocacy Group may be possible, among the many communities involved in the Cultural District program. IAC Community Development Manager Kristina Davis presented a handout (attached) describing the consultancies for the communities of Shelbyville, Ligonier, Fort Wayne, Noblesville, Arcadia, Zionsville, Muncie and Nashville.

B. Studies and Research. Mr. Ricci gave a brief report on the planned Purdue University Arts Education Study, being developed by Professor Bob Sabol at Purdue. He will create a pilot study for certain schools in Crawfordsville. Ultimately the study will track the impact of arts education in primary and secondary schools, as it relates to graduation rates and success in post-secondary education. Mr. Ricci also reported on a possible Economic Impact Study concerning the arts; this study would come from the IUPUI/SPEA Public Policy Institute.

C. Program updates. Ms. Davis reported on recent participation in a webinar presented by the Kennedy Center for the Arts, which involved accessibility to the arts; two Indiana artists with disabilities participated by delivering reports of their own struggles and successes. IAC Community Development Manager Susan Britsch reported on the Poetry Out Loud competition; she attended the national finals in Washington D. C. along with Indiana winner Emma Libersky from Plymouth. The state of Indiana saw twenty-five contestants compete in the state finals. Ms. Britsch also reported that the application period for the next Arts in Education grants will open in August. And, she reported that the process of selecting the next state Poet Laureate has begun.

D. Other Partnership Updates. Mr. Ricci reported briefly on current partnerships with Traditional Arts Indiana, Arts Midwest, the National Association of State Arts Agencies, Americans for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Mr. Ricci will be a member of a panel discussion at the National PTA convention in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 23.

5. Committee Reports.

A. Programs, Grants and Services Committee. PGS Committee chair Pam Hicks presented the report of the latest meeting (attached), which included review of all FY 2014 grant application scores and recommendations for approval. She presented handouts (attached) showing panel scores for the Individual Artist Program, Arts Operating Support III/Multi-Regional Grants, Statewide Arts Service Organization Grants, Statewide Membership Grants, Regional Arts Partner grants, and Regional Initiative Grants. IAC Commissioner Kathy Anderson moved to approve all IAC FY 2014 grants as presented. Ms. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Committee on the Future. COF chair Jeff Kirk presented the minutes from the most recent meeting (attached). He reported on progress in monitoring the current IAC strategic plan via use of the matrix document (attached). Mr. Ricci reported that a facilitator will be attending the September Quarterly Business Meeting to work with each designated matrix group to establish and articulate priorities and strategies for the next two years of strategic plan implementation. Later in the fall, these strategies will be presented to constituents around the state for public comment, and will be finalized at the December Quarterly Business Meeting.

6. **Regional Arts Partner Update.** Regional Arts Partner Consortium president Donna Catalano gave a brief oral report on the last meeting of the RAPs on May 16. She then introduced Paige Sharp of the Tippecanoe Arts Federation, who is the incoming president of the consortium and will be representing them for the next year at IAC quarterly meetings.

7. **Old Business.** Mr. Ricci publically thanked long-time IAC staff member Bobbie Garver, who will retire at the end of June. Ms. Garver has been a member of the IAC staff since the agency was created

8. **New Business.** Mr. Ricci announced that IAC staff member Kristina Davis has been selected to fill the newly-created position of Programming Director, and that Ms. Davis' current position of Community Development Manager will be declared as open.

9. **Closing Comments.** Mr. Ricci praised outgoing chair Jon Ford and thanked him for his contributions during his tenure. Mr. Ford thanked everyone for their work with him

during his two years as IAC chair. Mr. Yager thanked everyone for their participation in today's meeting.

10. **Adjourn.** Mr. Rent moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.